GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4761
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AYURVEDA SYSTEM OF TREATMENT IN MILITARY HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ayurveda system of treatment is recognized by the World Health Organisation, but it is not adopted in any of military hospitals;

(b) if so, whether the Government adopt Ayurveda System of treatment in all Military Hospitals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4761 19.12.2002

The Army Medical Corps (AMC) provides war-time and peace-time treatment to the Armed Forces personnel and their families. Keeping in view the peculiar requirements of the Armed Forces, Allopathic system of medicine is more suited. Hence it has not been possible to adopt the Ayurveda system of medicine in the Military hospitals. However, the Armed Forces have initiated the process of introduction of the indigenous system of medicine by establishing dispensaries under the aegis of Station Headquarters in various Stations of the Armed Forces, viz., AF Station, New Delhi, Meerut and Secunderabad for the benefit of the families of the Armed Forces personnel and those desirous of availing themselves of the system. The staff, drugs and the day to day running of these dispensaries are under the Station Welfare authorities.